Dear authors,

in my role as Executive editor of GMD, I would like to bring to your attention our Editorial version 1.2: https://www.geosci-model-dev.net/12/2215/2019/

This highlights some requirements of papers published in GMD, which is also available on the GMD website in the 'Manuscript Types' section: http://www.geoscientific-model-development.net/submission/manuscript_types.html

In particular, please note that for your paper, the following requirements have not been met in the Discussions paper:

- "The main paper must give the model name and version number (or other unique identifier) in the title."
- "If the model development relates to a single model then the model name and the version number must be included in the title of the paper. If the main intention of an article is to make a general (i.e. model independent) statement about the usefulness of a new development, but the usefulness is shown with the help of one specific model, the model name and version number must be stated in the title. The title could have a form such as, “Title outlining amazing generic advance: a case study with Model XXX (version Y)”.

So E3SM-FIVE including a version number / identifier should be added to the title of the article. Please add this change when submitting the revised version of the manuscript.

Additionally, the GMD editorial states about Model experiment description papers: "The primary purpose of these papers is to enable modelling communities to perform the same experiments. Therefore, everything required to run the experiment must be provided, apart from the model itself." (GMD Editorial main text, see also appendix B4)

I do not see that your article is about a model experiment which is performed by a larger community with different models. Therefore, your paper fits better the "Technical and development paper" type and I will ask the editorial office to apply this type to your article.
Yours, Astrid Kerkweg